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1. The Doberitz (N 53/E 65) airfield was observed from the west between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on 22 February 1950. The visibility was good although the clouds were sometimes low. Forty to fifty single-engine low-wing monoplanes were parked in front of the hangars and on the landing field. There was flying. Eight to ten planes were standing at the take-off point near the flight control station on the southern edge of the airfield.

2. Some of the single-engine low-wing monoplanes had a cockpit about 50 percent longer than that of the other planes. They had no directional loop antenna forward of the rudder assembly but radiators set right and left of the fuselage, somewhat above the wings. Some planes had wings the first quarter of which was horizontal and the remaining three quarters slightly tilted. Two ground attack aircraft types, an obsolete and an improved one, apparently were stationed at the airfield.

3. As previously reported, three aircraft (radio mast in second third of cockpit, without directional loop antenna) were parked in the southwestern section of the airfield. Four aircraft of the same type but with directional loop antenna and radio mast forward of cockpit, were parked on the side.

During flying activity it was observed that after the take-off the landing gear of the planes was turned by one quarter and then suddenly retracted inward. The flights varied in length from 15 to 20 minutes. Trainers were apparently not concerned (sic).

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4. The airfield was observed from its western edge on 8 March 1950 with an almost overcast sky and an about 800-meter base of cloud. Seventy-eight single-engine aircraft were parked on the northern edge of the landing field. Six of them made local flights of 10 to 15-minute duration. The planes had a two-man crew. The two attached photographs were taken.
5. Sixty-two single-engine aircraft were parked in front of the closed hangars on the southern edge of the field on 15 March 1950. Six to eight aircraft made individual 30-minute flights from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a visibility range of 6 to 8 km and about 1,000-meter base of cloud.

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Comment:

The described aircraft are IL-2s and IL-10s. The planes in the attached two photographs are IL-10s. The reported number of aircraft agrees with previous information. Two ground attack regiments of the 2d Gds CA Div are assumed to be stationed in Doeberitz. These regiments are equipped mainly with IL-10s. The IL-2 type plane probably is only used for training purposes.

1 Annex: Aircraft Seen over the Doeberitz Airfield
(2 photographs).

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